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$$\therefore \text{An anharmonic ratio } \frac{AM}{MN} : \frac{AB}{BN} = \frac{c^2 - y_1^2}{x_1^2 - c^2}; \text{ but } c^2 = \frac{a^2b^2}{a^2 + b^2}.$$

:. An anharmonic ratio =
$$\frac{b^2}{a^2} \cdot \frac{(a^2 + b^2)x_1^2 - a^2b^2}{(a^2 + b^2)x_1^2 - a^2b^2} = \frac{b^2}{a^2}$$
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Also solved by G. B. M. Zerr.

CALCULUS.

181. Proposed by S. F. NORRIS, Baltimore, Md.

Integrate $dy = \frac{x^2 dx}{1+x^4}$. [From Olney's *Integral Calculus*, page 116, third example, second part].

Solution by G. W. GREENWOOD, M. A.; M. E. GRABER, M. A., and G. B. M. ZERR, A. M., Ph. D.

$$\begin{split} \frac{x^2}{1+x^4} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \left[\frac{x}{x^2 - x\sqrt{2} + 1} - \frac{x}{x^2 + x\sqrt{2} + 1} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \left[\frac{(2x - \sqrt{2}) + \sqrt{2}}{x^2 - x\sqrt{2} + 1} - \frac{(2x + \sqrt{2}) - \sqrt{2}}{x^2 + x\sqrt{2} + 1} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \left[\frac{2x - \sqrt{2}}{x^2 - x\sqrt{2} + 1} - \frac{2x + \sqrt{2}}{x^2 + x\sqrt{2} + 1} \right] \\ &+ \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{1}{x^2 - x\sqrt{2} + 1} + \frac{1}{x^2 + x\sqrt{2} + 1} \right]. \end{split}$$

The required integral is therefore

$$= \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \left[\log(x^2 - x_1/2 + 1) - \log(x^2 + x_1/2 + 1) \right]$$

$$+ \frac{1/2}{4} \left[\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{2x - 1}) + \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{2x + 1}) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}} \log \frac{x^2 - x_1/2 + 1}{x^2 + x_1/2 + 1} + \frac{1/2}{4} \tan^{-1} \frac{x_1/2}{1 - x^2}.$$

Also solved by J. Scheffer.

182. Proposed by A. H. HOLMES, Brunswick, Maine.

Evaluate
$$\int_{0}^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} d\theta_{1} \sqrt{[1+\sin^{2}\theta(1-4\cos\theta)]}.$$